

# Cape Fear RPO

**Brunswick County ❖ Columbus County ❖ Pender County**

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RURAL TRANSPORTATION COORDINATING COMMITTEE

FEBRUARY 7, 2024



# Roll Call

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# Agenda Review

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Agenda Review
4. Approval of Minutes
5. Public Comment
6. Vacancies and Appointments
7. Presentation: Brunswick County CTP
8. Presentation: Title VI Plan Update
9. Brunswick County CTP Endorsement
10. Title VI Plan Update Approval
11. Reports/Updates
12. Open Discussion
13. Adjourn

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# RTCC Meeting Minutes

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Review of the November 1, 2023 minutes

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# Public Comment Period

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# Vacancies & Appointments

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Brunswick County Municipal RTCC Representatives			
SEAT	TERM	NAME	POSITION
Brunswick Municipal 1	2024-2025	Mo Meehan	Southport
Brunswick Municipal Alt. 1	2024-2025	Nicole Morgan	Boiling Spring Lakes

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# Vacancies & Appointments

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Columbus County Municipal RTCC Representatives			
SEAT	TERM	NAME	POSITION
Columbus Municipal Alt. 2	2024-2025	Madison Ward	Whiteville Economic Dev.

# Vacancies & Appointments

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Pender County Municipal RTCC Representatives			
SEAT	TERM	NAME	POSITION
Pender Municipal 2	2024-2025	Gilbert Combs	Burgaw
Pender Municipal Alt. 2	2024-2025	Rob Taylor	Wallace

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# Procedure for Municipal Alternates

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- Alternate 1 will serve as a Voting Member if Voting 1 is absent **OR** if both Voting 2 and Alternate 2 are absent.
- Alternate 2 will serve as a Voting Member if Voting 2 is absent **OR** if both Voting 1 and Alternate 1 are absent.

Pender County Municipal Reps		
Voting 1	Amy Kimes	Surf City
Alternate 1	Doug Shipley	Topsail Beach

Pender County Municipal Reps		
Voting 2	Gilbert Combs	Burgaw
Alternate 2	Rob Taylor	Wallace

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# **NORTH CAROLINA**

## Department of Transportation



# Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan Endorsement Presentation




Cape Fear Rural Planning Organization  
February 2024

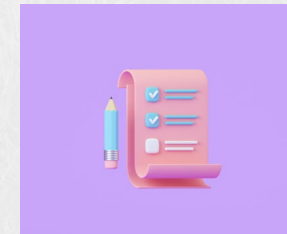
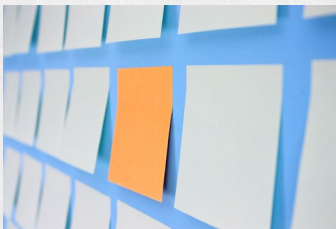
# Purpose of Presentation

- Endorse the Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP)
- Multi-modal maps and recommendations
- Seeking Brunswick County Resolution for Endorsement



# To Do List

-  Resolution from Local Adoptions
-  Cape Fear RPO Endorsement
-  NCDOT Board of Transportation Adoptions



# What is a CTP? Benefits?

## Comprehensive Transportation Plan



Long-Range Planning



Local Needs



Multimodal Maps



Not Fiscally Constrained



Time-Frame



Participation



Deficiencies and Improvements



Facilitates Local Governments with Transportation Planning



Recommendations are CONCEPTS

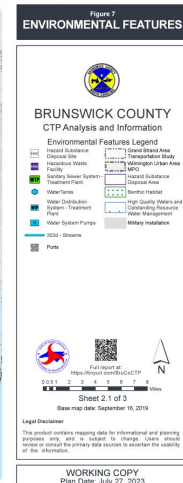


Assist with submittals into prioritization for eventual funding

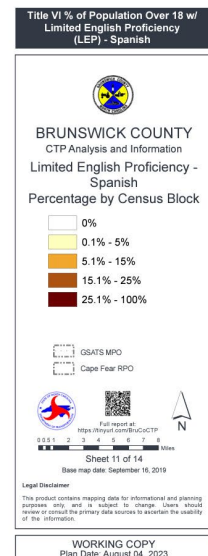
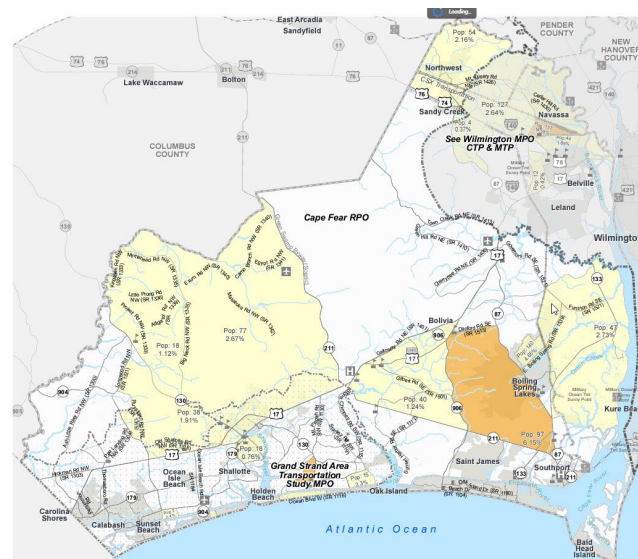
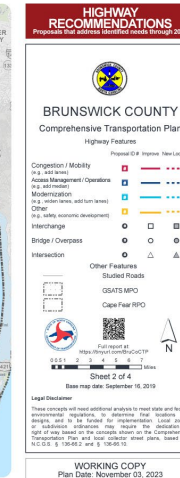
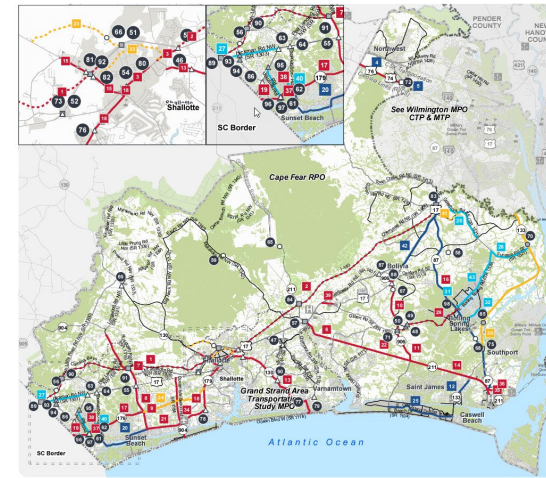


The map displays the Grand Strand Area Transportation Study (GATS) region. Key features include:

- Study Area:** The Grand Strand Area Transportation Study (GATS) is highlighted in yellow.
- Major Roads:** Major roads are shown in red, including US-17, SC-17, and SC-1.
- Local Roads:** Local roads are shown in black, including US-17, SC-17, and SC-1.
- Geographic Labels:**
  - COLUMBIA COUNTY
  - Cape Fear RPO
  - See Wilmington MPO CTP & MTA
  - Atlantic Ocean
- Other Labels:**
  - US-17
  - SC-17
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Full report at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/BruCoCTP>



The Comprehensive Transportation Plan (CTP) is North Carolina's multi-modal long range transportation plan. The CTP is mutually adopted and identifies transportation system needs, as well as solutions, to support anticipated growth and development over a 25-30-year timeframe.

This plan is developed by NCDOT, Brunswick County and municipalities, Cape Fear RPO, Grand Strand Area Transportation Study MPO and local planning partners with the support of the Brunswick County CTP Steering Committee.

The CTP supports the community's adopted vision and goals by integrating land use and transportation planning. This plan should be used by local officials to ensure that planned transportation facilities reflect the needs of the public, while minimizing the disruption to local residents, businesses and environmental resources. The CTP process is designed to provide useful information into the project development process.

When starting a CTP study, officials form a steering committee of individuals who represent the various stakeholders of the community. NCDOT and other local planning staff also participate. The committee develops the draft vision, goals, objectives, and performance measures. These are further refined with input from residents and then used to guide the development and evaluation of the CTP.

The CTP vision, goals, and objectives are developed based on input of the public involvement process and help identify how residents in an area would like to develop the transportation system.

"For Brunswick County to have an integrated multi-modal transportation system that is safe, environmentally sensitive, aesthetically pleasing, and user friendly, For the community to optimize local transportation networks while maintaining regional connectivity that makes access to the area and its attractions easy, and aids in economic growth. To improve access for emergency services, provide equitable opportunities to all socioeconomic groups, minimize congestion, and strengthen the community's resiliency while maintaining and protecting the area's natural, cultural, and recreational resources over the next 25-30 years."

# CTP Steering Committee

- ❖ NCDOT Division 3
- ❖ Wilmington MPO
- ❖ NCDOT Freight
- ❖ Cape Fear RPO
- ❖ Brunswick County Social Services
- ❖ Brunswick County Public Utilities
- ❖ Village of Bald Head Island
- ❖ NCDOT Ferry Division
- ❖ Town of Caswell Beach
- ❖ Brunswick County Chief Deputy Sheriff
- ❖ Brunswick County Schools
- ❖ Brunswick County Health and Human Services
- ❖ GSATS MPO (*includes municipalities within the MPO*)
- ❖ Brunswick County Environmental Health
- ❖ Brunswick County Emergency Management
- ❖ Town of Bolivia
- ❖ Brunswick Community College
- ❖ Brunswick County Planning Department
- ❖ Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ Cape Fear Regional Jet Port
- ❖ City of Northwest
- ❖ City of Boiling Spring Lakes
- ❖ Town of St. James
- ❖ Brunswick Senior Resources (BSRI)
- ❖ Brunswick County Sheriff
- ❖ Brunswick Electric Membership Corporation (BEMC)
- ❖ Ocean Isle Beach Airport
- ❖ Duke Energy Brunswick Plant Corporate Communications
- ❖ ATMC (now FOCUS Broadband)
- ❖ Brunswick County Planning Department
- ❖ Cape Fear Cyclists
- ❖ Military Ocean Terminal Sunny Point (MOTSU)
- ❖ Town of Sandy Creek
- ❖ Town of Oak Island
- ❖ Doshier Memorial Hospital
- ❖ NC State Highway Patrol
- ❖ NCDOT Intermodal Mobility Division
- ❖ Southeastern Economic Development Commission
- ❖ Novant Health Brunswick Medical Center
- ❖ Brunswick County Chamber of Commerce
- ❖ State Port Authority
- ❖ Brunswick Cyclists
- ❖ City of Southport
- ❖ Brunswick Cooperative Extension
- ❖ Brunswick Business & Industry Development
- ❖ Brunswick Transit System
- ❖ NCDOT BOT
- ❖ NCDOT TPD



# CTP Meetings + Outreach

- Start to end of CTP
- CTP Steering Committee Meetings
- Internal Division Steering Committee
- State and Federal Agencies (subject matter experts)
- Survey
- Public Involvement Sessions
- Updates to each adopting agency throughout CTP process





# Who is adopting and when?

Brunswick County

Cape Fear Council of Governments

GSATS MPO

Village of Bald Head Island

City of Boiling Spring Lakes

Town of Bolivia

Town of Caswell Beach

City of Northwest

Town of Oak Island

Town of Sandy Creek

City of Southport

Town of St. James

NCDOT BOT

# Link to CTP Report

<http://tinyurl.com/BruCoCTP>


Report and Appendix (413 total pages)



# Facility Types Map



**FACILITY TYPES**  
Facility classifications for mobility and control of access planning through 2045

  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**  
Comprehensive Transportation Plan  
Facility Types and Control of Access  
( Listed in Order of Mobility Function )

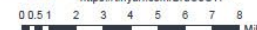
	Planned on Existing	Planned on New Location
Freeway		
Expressway (Multilane Divided)		
Boulevard (Multilane Divided)		
Major Thoroughfare (Multilane Undivided)		
Major Thoroughfare (2 Lane)		
Minor Thoroughfare		

Other Features

Studied Roads

GSATS MPO

Cape Fear RPO

  
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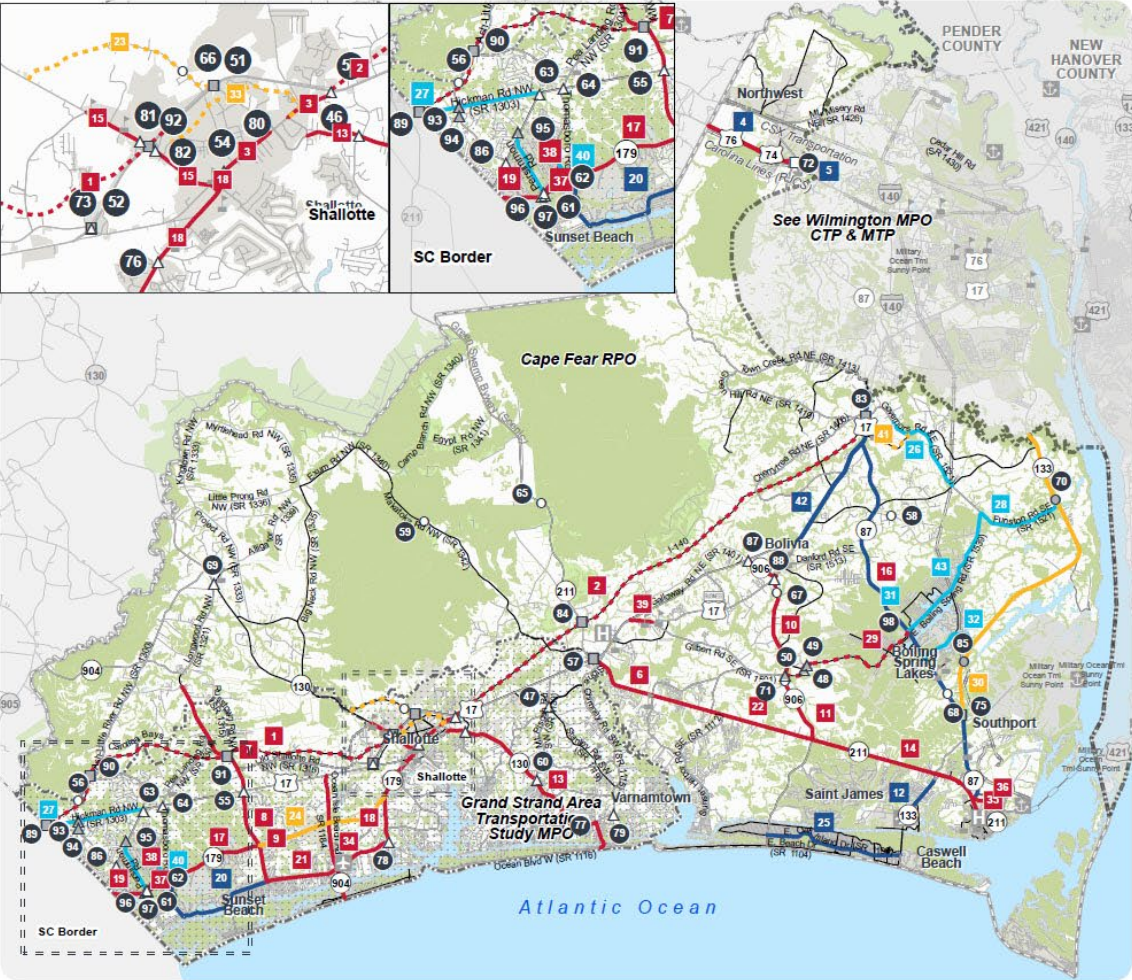
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# Highway Recommendations Map




**HIGHWAY RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Proposals that address identified needs through 2045

  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**  
Comprehensive Transportation Plan  
Highway Features

	Proposal ID #	Recommended On Existing	Recommended New Location
Congestion / Mobility (e.g., add lanes)			
Access Management / Operations (e.g., add median)			
Modernization (e.g., widen lanes, add turn lanes)			
Other (e.g., safety, economic development)			
Interchange			
Bridge / Overpass			
Intersection			

**Other Features**  
Studied Roads  
GSATS MPO  
Cape Fear RPO

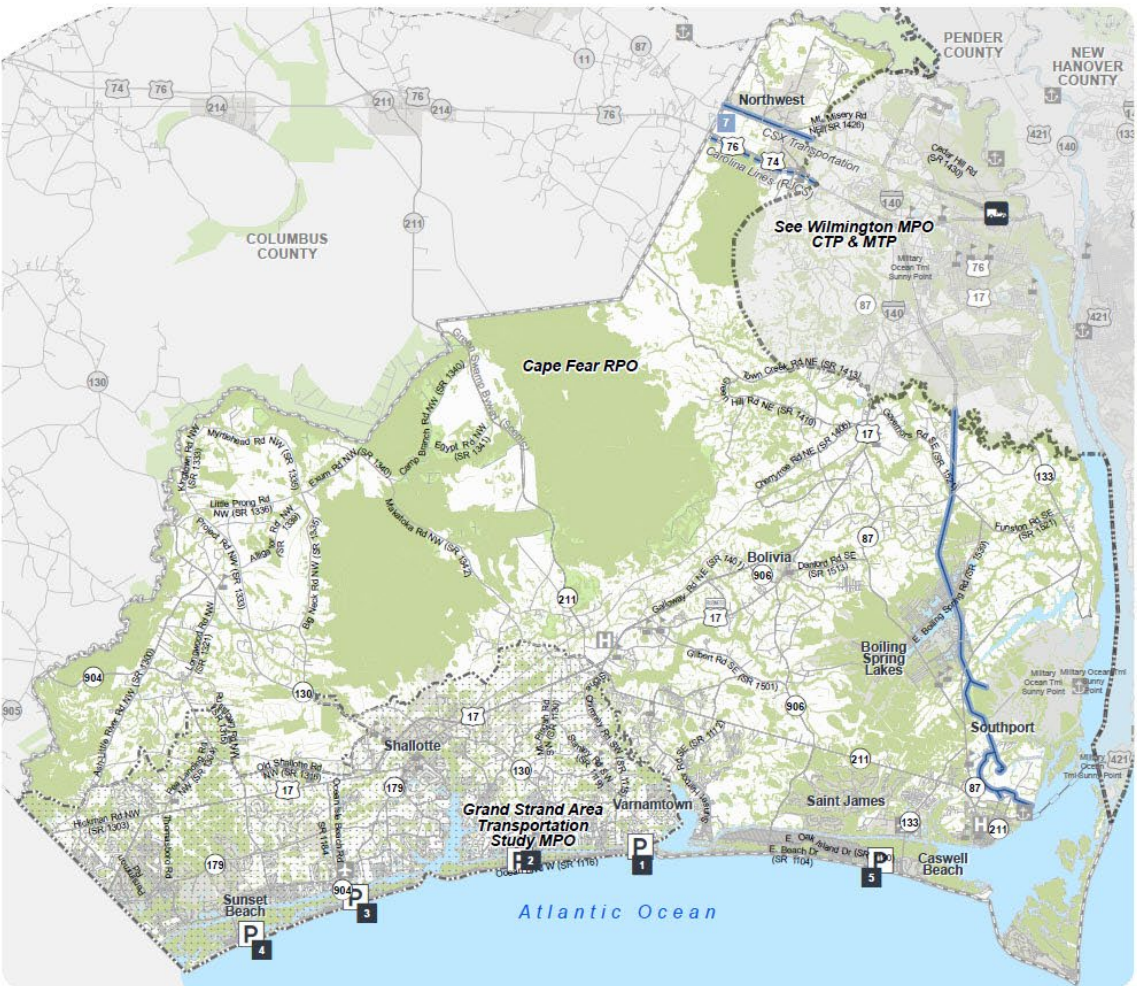
  
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
# Public Transportation and Rail Map




**PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION AND RAIL RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Proposals that address identified needs through 2045

  
**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**  
Comprehensive Transportation Plan  
Public Transportation and Rail Features

Proposal ID #	Existing	Recommended New Location
Urban Fixed Bus Corridors		
Regional Bus Corridors		
Rural Fixed Bus Corridors		
Fixed Guideway		
Amtrak / Freight Route		
Current Railroad		
Transit Facility		
Park and Ride Lot		
Amtrak Station		
Intermodal Terminal		

 GSATS MPO  
 Cape Fear RPO  
 Studied Roads

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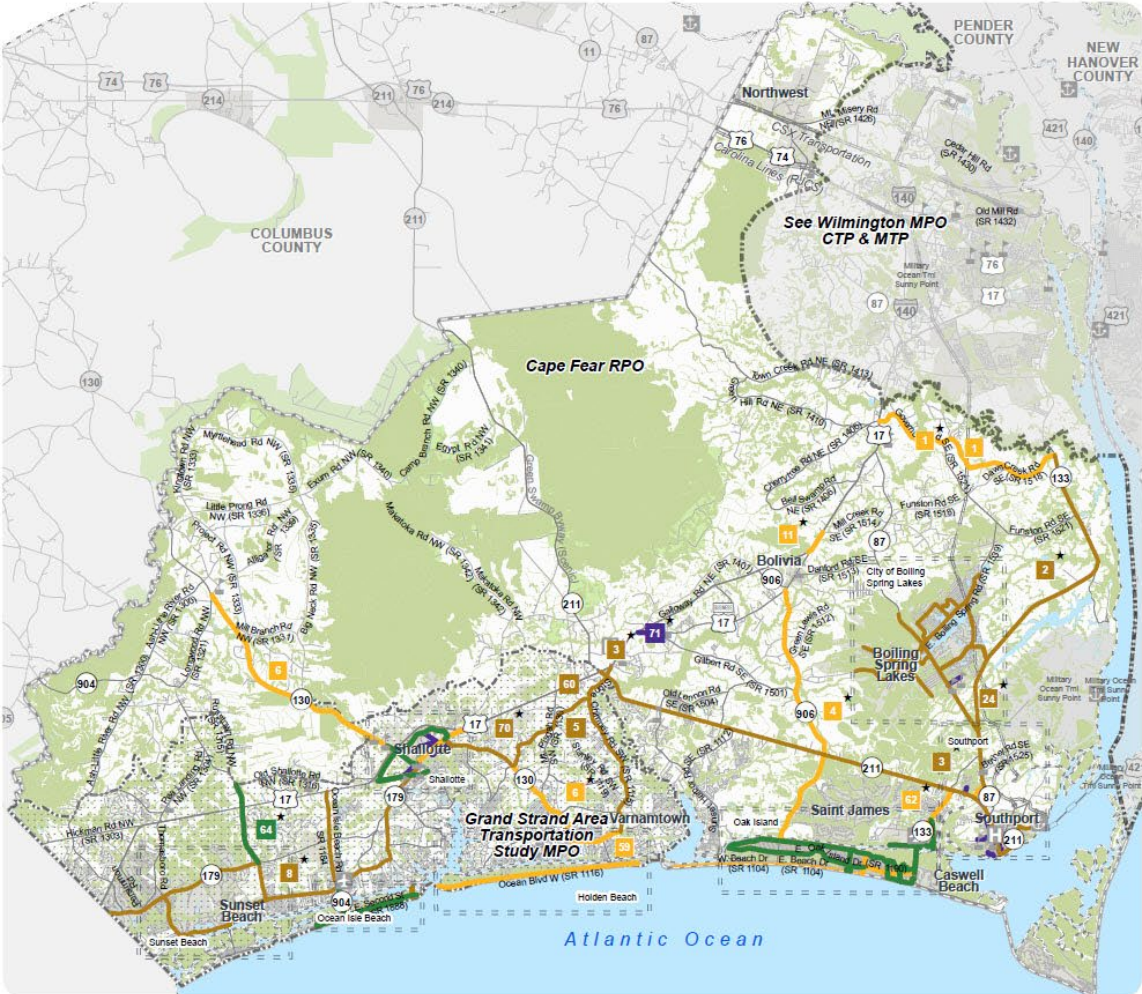
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# Bicycle and Pedestrian Map



**BICYCLE / PEDESTRIAN RECOMMENDATIONS**  
Proposals that address identified needs through 2045




**BRUNSWICK COUNTY**  
Comprehensive Transportation Plan  
Bicycle and Pedestrian Features

	Proposal ID #	Existing	Recommended New Location
Bicycle			
Pedestrian			
Bicycle and Pedestrian			
Multise Path			
Bicycle and Pedestrian Bridge			
Denotes Highway Incidental			

Other Features

- Studied Roads
- GSATS MPO
- Cape Fear RPO



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# Reminders!

-  Resolution from Local Adoptions
-  Cape Fear RPO Endorsement
-  NCDOT Board of Transportation Adoptions

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# **Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan**

## **2024 Update**

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CAPE FEAR RURAL TRANSPORTATION PLANNING ORGANIZATION

# Title VI Plan Overview

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1. Nondiscrimination Policy Statement
2. Organization & Staffing
3. Environmental Justice
4. Title VI Data Collection
5. Title VI Plan Procedures
6. Questions & Discussion

# Nondiscrimination Policy Statement

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“It is the policy of the Cape Fear Rural Transportation Planning Organization (CFRPO), as a federal-aid recipient, to ensure that no person shall, on the grounds of **race, color, national origin, Limited English Proficiency, sex, age, or disability, (and low-income, where applicable)**, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination under any of our programs and activities, as provided by Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Executive Orders 12898 and 13166, the Civil Rights Restoration Act of 1987, and other pertinent nondiscrimination authorities.”

*This policy is an expression of our commitment to  
nondiscrimination and support of the Title VI Program.*

# Organization & Staffing

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**The RPO Director is also to serve as the Title VI Coordinator, and examples of their responsibilities include:**

- Administering and coordinating implementation of the Title VI Nondiscrimination Program.
- Presenting Title VI-related information to decision-making bodies for input and approval.
- Developing a process to collect data related to race, national origin, sex, age, and disability to ensure minority, low-income, and other underserved groups are included and not discriminated against.

# Environmental Justice

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**EO 12898:** Federal Actions to Address Environmental Justice (EJ) in Minority Populations and Low-Income Populations

**Environmental Justice (EJ)** is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income, with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of environmental laws, regulations, and policies.

The Cape Fear RPO “will make achieving EJ part of its mission by identifying and addressing, as appropriate, disproportionately high and adverse human health and environmental effects of its programs, policies, and activities on minority populations and low-income populations”.

- *This applies to our policies, such as where public meetings will be held, and our projects, such as when we plan to construct or expand a facility.*

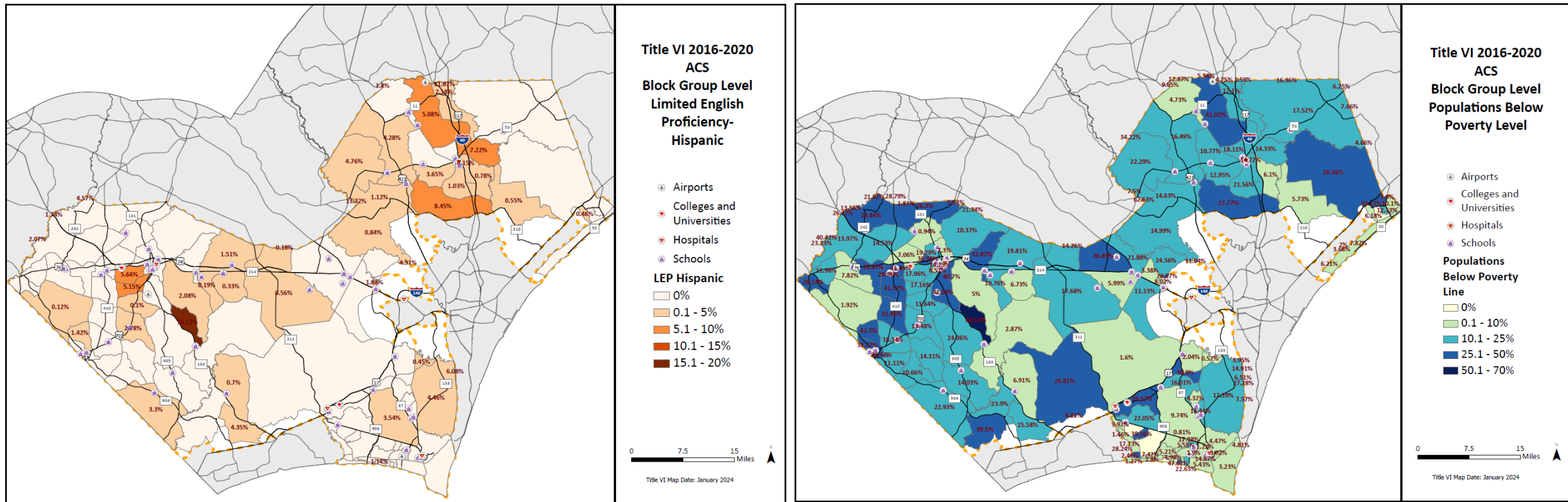
# Title VI Data Collection

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Recipients of FHWA funds are required to identify the characteristics and locations of populations they serve, particularly by race/ethnicity, poverty, and limited English proficiency (LEP).

CFRPO's Title VI Plan includes tables and maps of demographic data, as well as an analysis to determine the LEP language groups present in our planning area and the specific language services that are needed.

# Title VI Data Collection (Examples)



# Title VI Plan Procedures

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**Dissemination of Title VI Information** – Reasonable steps will be taken to make the public aware of their rights and our obligations under Title VI through, including, but not limited to:

- Visibly posting our Title VI Policy Statement in public areas at our facilities, on our website, at our meetings, and prominently in any significant documents and reports we distribute;
- Translating information into languages other than English that meet the LEP safe harbor threshold;
- Incorporating Title VI language into our contracts and agreements.

**External Discrimination Complaint Procedures** – The Title VI Plan outlines a process whereby the Cape Fear RPO will process complaints of alleged discrimination filed under Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and related nondiscrimination laws that are applicable to CFRPO programs, services, and activities.



# Questions & Discussion

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# Brunswick County CTP Endorsement

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NCDOT has requested a Resolution of Support from the Cape Fear RPO **endorsing** the Brunswick County Comprehensive Transportation Plan.

*Staff requests a motion to recommend endorsement of the CTP to the RTAC, who will meet on Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM*

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# Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan Update

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As a subrecipient of federal funds, the Cape Fear RPO is required to maintain a Title VI Nondiscrimination Plan.

*Staff requests a motion to recommend approval of the updated Title VI Plan to the RTAC, who will meet on Friday, Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM*

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# CFRPO Staff Report

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**Revisions to the 2024-2033 STIP**

**Draft FY25 Planning Work Program (PWP)**

**Draft P7.0 Local Input Point (LIP) Methodology**

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# NC Ports Update

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# Ferry Update

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# NCDOT Division 3 Report

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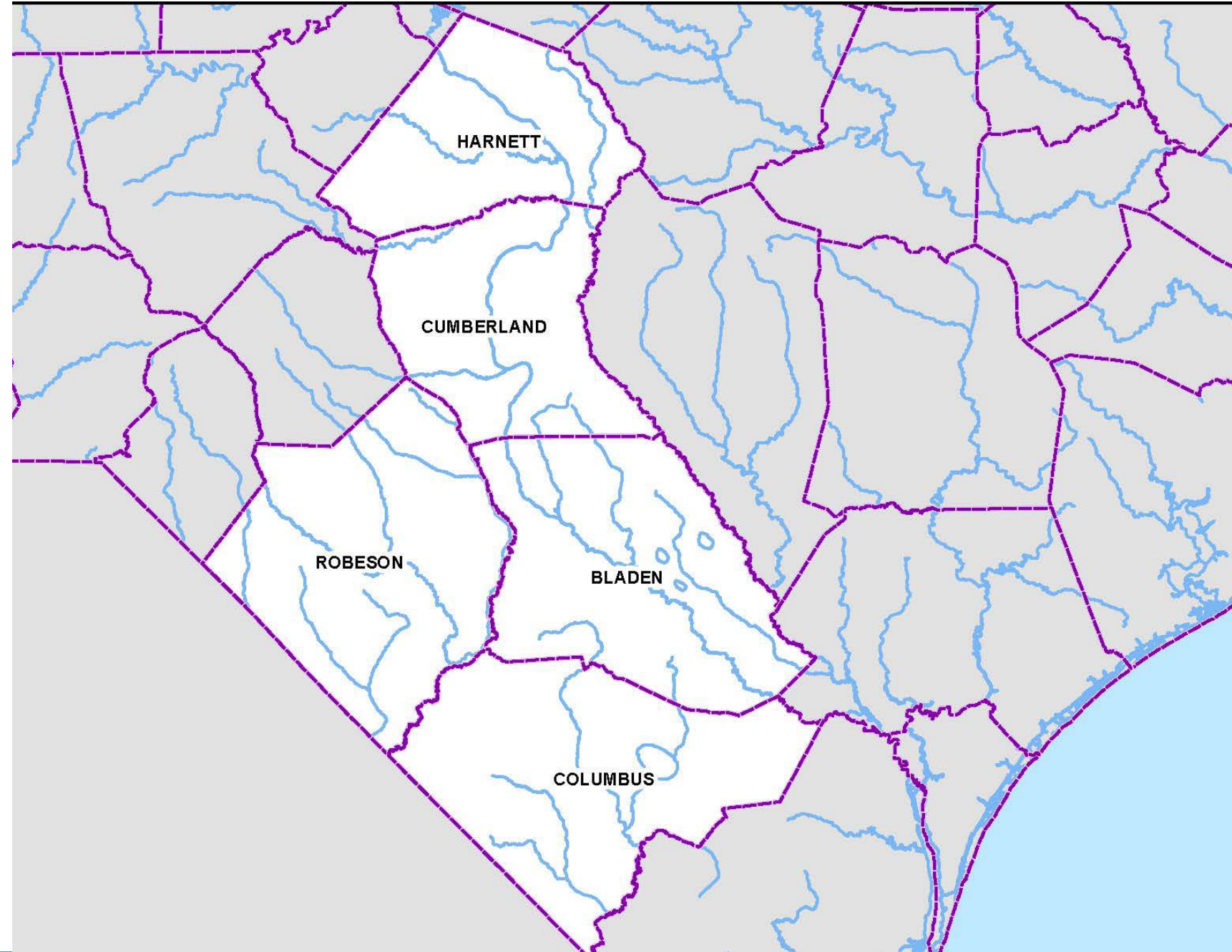


# NCDOT Division 6 Report

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# NCDOT TPD Report

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# NCDOT IMD Report

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Integrated Mobility Division

N.C. DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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# Wilmington MPO Report

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# Grand Strand MPO Report

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# Open Discussion

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General questions, comments, and other discussions

# Adjourn

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Next meeting will be March 27, 2024

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